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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROAKI MIHARA ET AL.) : Examiner: D. Tugbang
Appln. No.: Div. of 09/128,538 filed) : Group Art Unit: 3729
August 4, 1998)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith) :
For: A LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD, A)
SUBSTRATE FOR USE OF SUCH HEAD :
AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE)
THEREFOR : February 8, 2002

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph immediately before the first paragraph of the specification:

--This application is a divisional of application no. 09/128,538, filed on August 4, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-18, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

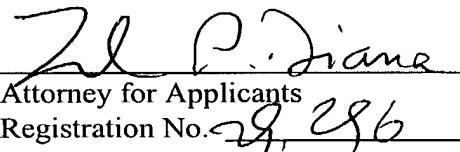
REMARKS

This application is a divisional of application no. 09/128,538, filed on August 4, 1998. Claims 19-27 are pending, Claims 1-18 having been canceled. Claims 19-22 and 25 are in independent form.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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